

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 25, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 552

Introduced by Senator Kelley

February 19, 1999

An act to ~~amend Section 50~~ *add and repeal Section 128* of the Metropolitan Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969), relating to metropolitan water districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 552, as amended, Kelley. ~~Metropolitan water districts~~
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Existing law provides for the creation of metropolitan water districts and requires a metropolitan water district to exercise its powers by and through a board of directors.

This bill would *require the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, on or before February 1, 2000, to submit to the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Rules Committee of the Legislature a report that describes all deficiencies noted in an audit conducted by the firm of Vargas Lopez and Company in the spring of 1999, and the actions the water district has taken, and is taking, to correct all of those deficiencies. The bill also would specify that the cost of the report shall not exceed \$50,000. Because these provisions would impose additional responsibilities upon the district, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State

Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions. ~~make—technical, nonsubstantive changes in that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 50 of the Metropolitan Water~~
2 ~~District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969) is~~
3 ~~amended to read:~~

4 ~~Sec. 50. All powers, privileges and duties vested in, or~~
5 ~~imposed upon, any district shall be exercised and~~
6 ~~performed by and through a board of directors.~~

7 *SECTION 1. Section 128 is added to the Metropolitan*
8 *Water District Act (Chapter 209 of the Statutes of 1969),*
9 *to read:*

10 *Sec. 128. (a) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the*
11 *Government Code, on or before February 1, 2000, the*
12 *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shall*
13 *submit to the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly*
14 *Rules Committee of the Legislature a report that*
15 *describes all deficiencies noted in the audit conducted by*
16 *the firm of Vargas Lopez and Company in the spring of*
17 *1999, and the actions the water district has taken, or is*
18 *taking, to correct all of those deficiencies.*

19 *(b) The cost of the report required by subdivision (a)*
20 *shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).*

21 *(c) This section shall remain in effect only until*
22 *January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a*
23 *later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 2001,*
24 *deletes or extends that date.*

25 *SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the*
26 *Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates*
27 *determines that this act contains costs mandated by the*

1 *state, reimbursement to local agencies and school*
2 *districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7*
3 *(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title*
4 *2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the*
5 *claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million*
6 *dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from*
7 *the State Mandates Claims Fund.*

